

HOUSE RESOLUTION 119

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Andy Morgan on winning second place in the 2009 Wal-Mart FLW Tour National Guard Open.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennessee professionals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Andy Morgan of Dayton, who took second place in the Wal-Mart FLW Tour National Guard Open, held April 23 through 26 at Lake Norman, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, for the final round of the competition, Mr. Morgan finished with twelve pounds, nine ounces, bringing his total for the four-day event to twenty-two pounds, fifteen ounces; and

WHEREAS, with the fifty-five thousand dollars in prize money Mr. Morgan received, his career-total winnings now amount to over one million dollars; he has been a professional bass tournament fisherman since 1995, fishing 169 events as of his win at Lake Norman; and

WHEREAS, in his career, Andy Morgan has won six tournaments and enjoyed forty-two top-ten tournament finishes; and

WHEREAS, FLW Outdoors was a little-known bass tournament organization until it was purchased by Minneapolis businessman Irwin L. Jacobs in 1996; by 2007, it was by far the world's leading tournament fishing organization, with 240 events, twelve tournament trails, ninety thousand entries, and total purses exceeding forty-two million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Andy Morgan's second-place finish, accomplished in the face of fierce competition from some of the world's top fishermen, is a testament to his exceptional skill and determination; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he deserves to be duly recognized for his victory at Lake Norman; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Andy Morgan for his noteworthy achievement now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Andy Morgan on winning second place in the 2009 Wal-Mart FLW Tour National Guard Open and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.